

Langrish Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

We believe at Langrish Primary School that collective worship both supports and strengthens what we aim to do in every aspect of school life. Our caring ethos, and the value which we place on the development of the whole child spiritually, morally, socially, culturally and intellectually, is reflected in our worship.

Collective Worship

The law requires that all pupils should take part in a daily act of collective worship. Taken over a term, the majority of such acts should be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian nature. Specifically, the law requires that:

- All pupils should take part in an act of collective worship each school day.
- There may be a single act of collective worship for all pupils or separate acts for pupils in different age or school groups.
- Acts of collective worship shall take place on school premises.
- Acts of collective worship should be appropriate to the family backgrounds, ages and aptitudes of the pupils.
- Parents have the right to withdraw their children from any or all acts of collective worship.
- The parent does not have to give a reason for this request. The school retains responsibility for the pupil's health and safety.
- All teachers (including Head Teacher) retain the right to withdraw from acts of collective worship.

Objectives:

Through collective worship we aim to provide a caring and supporting environment for children to:

- Become increasingly aware of themselves as individuals and groups within the school and wider community
- Grow in understanding of the feelings of the other people in everyday situations and beliefs
- Explore the language which people use to express their feelings
- Deepen their sense of wonder about the world around them
- Grow in confidence when making a presentation to the group or whole school
- Respond freely to religious and/or spiritual stimulus
- Acknowledge diversity and affirm each person's life stance, whether it be religious or not
- Ensure that the Convention on the Rights of the child are embedded into all collective worship that takes place in our school.
- **UNICEF article 14:**
You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.

Values:

Our values are linked intrinsically to our collective worship time. We value this special time in the school day for the space it gives children to develop a reflective and curious approach to life and the ability to express their reflections in traditionally religious ways or any other appropriate manner.

While most acts of worship in our school are Christian, we also hold assemblies that reflect other religious traditions that are represented in the school and the wider community, ensuring a sense of belonging for all.

Arrangements for Collective worship:

Collective worship takes place every day at Langrish Primary School, as part of KS1 and KS2 assembly. These are usually held in the morning and last for fifteen minutes. **All pupils attend unless otherwise withdrawn by their parents.** If it is not possible to hold a collective worship, then classroom assemblies take place.

We maintain links with St Peter's Church and the vicar visits at various times in the year. A range of visitors from the local community, including charities and leaders of different faiths are motivational in leading assemblies. Visitors are made aware of the school values and may choose to use the value as a focus for their assembly. During the year, every class will prepare, rehearse and perform a whole school assembly to share with family and friends. These are either related to the work they have completed in class or a special theme, e.g. Remembrance Day.

Themes which encompass religious festivals, known national or international events, and aspects taken from the school calendar are also used by staff leading worship.

Leadership:

Every member of the teaching staff and occasional visitors will be involved in leading acts of worship at some point in the year. Leaders choose from a range of methods including:

- Pupil's contributions
- Sacred and secular stories/readings
- Dance/drama
- Prayer/meditation/songs/hymns/music
- Artefacts/natural materials
- Visual aids/focal points
- Dialogue/creative silence
- Visitors

Planning Acts of Collective Worship:

Day	KS1	KS2
Monday	SLT - Whole School Assembly	
Tuesday	Whole School Singing Assembly	
Wednesday	Themed Assembly led by a KS1/KS2 teacher	
Thursday	Class Assembly	
Friday	Whole School Celebration Assembly Parents are invited to these.	